

Fourth Avenue Theatre
(Lathrop Building) (Lathrop's Showhouse)
630 West Fourth Avenue
Anchorage
Anchorage Division
Alaska

HABS No. AK-28

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE ALASKA	COUNTY ANCHORAGE DIVISION	TOWN OR VICINITY ANCHORAGE
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) FOURTH AVENUE THEATRE (NRHP)		HABS NO. AK-28
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE The Lathrop Building; Lathrop's Showhouse		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 630 West Fourth Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska UTM's: 08.344625.6790425		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Groundbreaking, 1941; Completed, 1947 (Carberry)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) B. Marcus Pritica & A.A. Porreca, Seattle, Washington (Carberry)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Constructed during a period of growth and transition in the community, this building represents the transition from frame structures to the larger and more solid forms of modern architecture. Cap Lathrop, mastermind behind the theatre, was an Alaskan entrepreneur and politician.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Art Deco		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Steel frame with cast concrete, Italian marble.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangle: 100' x 130', four stories		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The concrete bulk of the building is set off by the unique graphics and detail of the three story marquee and the street level facing of light Italian marble.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Interior design by Frank Bouman of the A.B. Heinsbergen firm in Los Angeles, California uses rich colors and walnut paneling, set off by three murals: framing the stage, a pair depicting commercial and industrial development; lobby, Mt. McKinley; balcony staircase, Alaskan wildlife.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition; 1985-86 season used as legitimate theatre.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places; Alaska Heritage Resource Survey; Carberry, Michael E. <u>Patterns of the Past: An Inventory of Anchorage's Heritage Resources.</u> Anchorage, Alaska: Northern Printing, 1979.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Sandra M. Faulkner, Historian, National Park Service		DATE June 13, 1986

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